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Background

About HLS

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) is a contract animal testing laboratory. They test weedkillers, pesticides, drugs and household products on animals to enable big businesses to get their products on the market quickly and cheaply. HLS has been exposed five times in the last ten years for animal cruelty and incompetence. We proved them to be breaking the law on many ocassions, but the government still do nothing.

About SHAC

SHAC was set up at the end of 1999 by the same activists who set up campaigns to close down Consort beagle breeders and Hillgrove cat farm. The campaign has grown since then with a huge mailing list, hundreds of hits on the website every day and constant national publicity.

By targeting shareholders, stockbrokers and bankers, SHAC has caused a collapse in HLS's shares. Merrill Lynch, Charles Schwab, Winterflood Securities and Royal Bank of Scotland are among the institutions that have severed links with the firm. More recently, customers have been pulling out of HLS.

SHAC will never turn its back on the animals in HLS. This is why the animal rights movement has pulled together and is targeting HLS both locally and internationally - the animals have no one else but us. We will not fail them.

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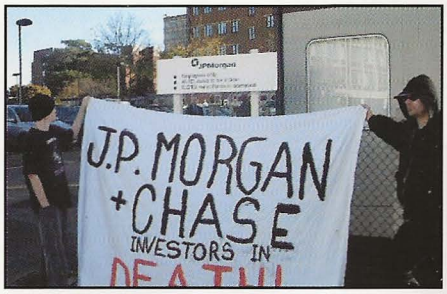

Editorial

You know you are winning when your enemy begins to admit defeat. We all know that since day one of this campaign the animal rights movement has been winning and HLS have been falling fast, but HLS have always attempted to keep a stiff upper lip, no matter what mess they are in. Recently though, HLS have publicly commented that they are on their way out. First of all we had company chairman Andrew Baker admitting in the Sunday Business that his company is seen as a financial outcast and then we have Brian Cass complaining to the media that he feels "frustrated and confounded" at HLS's lack of financial progress. The cracks are beginning to show, now is the time to smash away at them like never before and turn them into gaping big holes.

The last couple of weeks have been amazing - a day after the campaign against Beckett began, they put it in writing that they would never insure HLS. On Saturday 700 of you arrived in Huntingdon for the first national of the year and left the whole town in no doubt as to our determination to finish HLS off. On Monday the ALF attacked the homes of shareholders, then throughout the week we have had report after report from people up and down the country who have got stuck straight into Marsh and given them nothing but hell. In just five days, 17 of Marsh's offices have had protesters inside and outside of them, launching the campaign as they mean to carry on. People have been causing havoc on the gates every day and to top it all off, two suppliers have dumped HLS before the campaign against them even began. Let's build up the pressure in the run up to World Day and make sure that between now and then the animal abusers at HLS begin to feel it like never before.

The time of year is upon us again when we prepare for April - the month to remember laboratory animals with an increase in our activities. This year for World Day we will be descending upon Diss, the hometown of Eye Research Centre (HLS's Occold site) and the bulk of their employees. Eye Research Centre has not had nearly enough pressure over the last couple of years, they are not used to it and their workers cannot cope with it. Let's turn their community and their lives upside down by exposing this vile lab and letting everyone in the area know who they are and what they do. There are only eight weeks to go until the demo so please start to organise your transport and help make sure that this is our biggest World Day demo ever and the beginning of the end of the Occold lab.

With no-one around to throw huge amounts of cash their way we need to make sure HLS spend up and go bankrupt. YOU have control of the situation and it is up to you what HLS use their ever dwindling resources on - new suppliers, huge insurance premiums, replacing employees and increasing security will soon see them dig themselves further into debt so let's get out there and spend it for them!

The pace is picking up fast now and we know we've said it before but there really is no time to lose. Every day HLS stay open they add another 500 animals to their death-toll so let's keep it up and slam them into the history books where they belong.

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Havoc in Huntingdon

On 16th February 1000 SHAC supporters converged on the home town of HLS and its workers – Huntingdon. Everyone met in a car park and gathered plenty of leaflets, posters, whistles and purple flags from the stall to distribute and display throughout the march.

The noise was immense as they marched around the ring road. Drums, air horns, megaphones and whistles were played non-stop to highlight the plight of the animals inside HLS. Press surrounded the march along with police and local residents - the look on their faces gave you a good idea of whether they were in any way connected with the hellhole. The march progressed into the High Street and everyone soon noticed the two imaginative activists who were stood on the roof of the magistrates court holding a huge banner entitled: 'No Justice – Just Us - Smash HLS'. The speeches were excellent. Activists from local groups around the country spoke inspiring words of how proud they were to be part of SHAC and how well the gates demos are going. The march soon moved back onto the ring road with several extra locals who had joined up.

As the police tried to head everyone back to the car park, hundreds of protestors broke through lines of police and headed up the road, minus the police. Within a few minutes they were outside the home (and in the garden) of an HLS worker (Russell Scrivener, 19 East Street, Huntingdon) screaming 'scum' and 'animal abuser'. His neighbours definitely know what he does now! A couple of police arrived so everyone ran up the road to the next home demo. Apparently windows were smashed, the car was damaged and garden ornaments were destroyed as over 50 activists took out their anger on the animal torturers themselves.

Police backup arrived so it was time to move on – to block the road! The police eventually managed to turn people back towards the car park which was fine because they wanted to go to the lab anyway!

Handouts had been given out giving home addresses of HLS employees, so, as hundreds of protestors headed up to the lab, others headed for the neighbourhoods of the animal abusers. Plenty of noise was made at the lab to remind both the security and the weekend workers that we hadn't forgotten them, whilst helicopters hovered over the homes of HLS staff as activists lay siege to them.

Everyone left the demo feeling both empowered and motivated. We received the following letter a few days after the demo: *What a great demo yesterday! When we got to the square and the speakers started I tried hard to hold back my tears but then I saw others crying openly and I realised it was OK to cry, we all understand why. The speech made by Beverley was brilliant, it gave everyone the motivation and fury to carry on the fight. Sometimes I am ridiculed by people I know for being a veggie and an 'animal rights person' but yesterday I realised I am right. With all those like minded people it gave me strength to believe in myself and what we are all doing is right, no matter what anyone else says. My heart tells me I'm not wrong to fight for these poor, innocent, abused creatures. I know that it won't be too long before we close HLS and I look forward to that day.*

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News in Brief

Permission denied

Planning permission for a primate research laboratory in Cambridge has been rejected on public safety grounds. The police advised of the likelihood that there would be protests at the site and this could lead to disruption of the strategic road network of Cambridge. The lab was intended to conduct research into brain diseases. This would have involved experiments on macacques and marmosets. Members of the council's planning committee voted 17 to four even though Lord Sainsbury tried to influence their decision.

Long term side effects

13 years after being given the anti-cancer drugs cisplatin and doxorubicin, patients were found to be suffering from serious side effects which include abnormal heart function, low testosterone levels, high blood pressure, hearing loss, nerve damage and kidney damage. Richard Sullivan, head of clinical programmes at the charity, Cancer Research UK (who fund animal experiments) said, "all drugs are poisons, and chemotherapy is a particularly nasty set of problems". Feb 2002.

Alzheimer drug tests halted

It has been found that a vaccine known as AN1792 which has been used on 360 volunteers to cure Alzheimers, has caused these patients to suffer side effects such as fever, headache, vomiting, muscle weakness and seizures (strokes). It has also been found to cause inflammation of the brain and the central nervous system. The firm that developed the 'cure' ELAN, together with Wyeth-Agent, commented that "patients who suffered side effects were responding 'appropriately' to treatment". Treatment for the side effects, yes well, enough said.

Yamanouchi labs to close

It would appear that HLS customer Yamanouchi have finally had enough of the animal rights movement, they have announced plans to close their laboratories in Oxford and move their research abroad despite the fact that the research centre plays a big part in their business and until recently it was a location they were very proud of. Perhaps their new found desire to get rid of the site stems from the fact that it was continually demo'd, invaded, besieged and targeted by animal rights campaigners angry at their connections to HLS!

LSR update

In October, HLS announced they were seeking a brave new world by taking the bold move of moving their shares to the US markets. Despite having said earlier in the year that this would be a bad move for them, they trumpeted this deal as heralding a better area. They said it would protect their finances and their shareholders, and bring in new money. SHAC said we'd hammer them in the US as well. SHAC USA took off big time.

At the time of writing, the "LSR deal" (named for Life Sciences Research Inc, the US registered company they were using to facilitate the move) had gone through: HLS has now merged with LSR as all the shares are converted, but there is no sign of them listing their shares on a US stock market as promised. This is five months after the start of the deal, a major embarrassment for the company. It is blatantly obvious that they are struggling to see the deal through, in the face of successful pressure from the american activists.

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Part of the deal is that there was a US market maker to sponsor the company on one of the more important US stock markets. Without one, the shares will drop to financial death at the very bottom of the rung, the 'Pink Sheets', from which the share price recovery they desperately need will not happen, ruining the entire deal and costing the investors their money.

When HLS were not looking, SHAC USA got rid of HLS's ten US market makers last summer; week after week they fell. Thus, from the moment the LSR deal was announce it was looking in trouble. At one point a market maker was registering on behalf of the new LSR shares, but unsurprisingly they too pulled leaving Brian Cass "frustrated and confounded"!

> Wherever they run, HLS will find no peace. Their shareprice doesn't stand a chance of recovering

A deal that should have been straightforward and boosted the shareprice is starting to turn into a nightmare for the company as they struggle to rescue it. Rest assured, no market maker is going to take them on for long and the new shares can only fall further in price. The longer it takes them to get listed, the worse it is for them.

Anyone with under 50 shares in HLS will find they have lost their shares, and you should have received a cheque for them. This is because every 50 HLS shares correspond to one new LSR share.

However, people listed as having more than 50 shares are still shareholders in HLS/LSR. One of the claims made for the LSR deal was that it would give anonymity to the shareholders. However, this is not true for the current shareholders; they are still shareholders in this scum company.

But the LSR deal is also bad for the shareholders - most are UK based so will incur greater costs when they try to trade them. Indeed, anyone with less than 2500 HLS shares are in general going to effectively have to pay to sell their shares. That will teach them to invest in HLS.

It doesn't stop there, management have actually reduced the value of the shares by two thirds by issuing more as they attempt to raise more cash to cover the costs of the transfer; this on top of them having raided the shareholder funds just to stay float last year. They may claim to have broken even, but it came at a great financial cost as they raided reserves they will not be able to go back to this year. They are weaker than ever before.

Plus, what they didn't tell people when pushing through the deal was that once in the US they can sell off 25% of their assets without consulting the shareholders - watch out for more big sell-offs as they strip themselves to stay alive, including selling their land to pay back debt collectors.

Don't believe the spin, the LSR deal is a desperate and risky move for HLS. By ceasing to be a UK company they are going to a tougher market with greater competition and a less forgiving climate. They will cease to be the UK's very own animal abusing lab, but will be bottom of the pile of 20 similar companies in America.

Stephens and Quilcap were two of the big investors in 1998, along with Philips & Drew; they put in millions to keep the company alive. They have lost over 80% of those millions, and under pressure from the US activists have now been forced out. HLS has lost it's two most consistent backers over the last few years, and it is going to hurt their pocket and their reputation just as they are trying to attract new interest from the stock market.

Wherever they run, HLS will find no peace. Their shareprice doesn't stand a chance of recovering, and they've had their last chance to rescue them.

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Occold Targeted

The lab at Huntingdon has very effective daily pickets - which are an excellent way of directing your anger at the animal abusers themselves - but the lab at Occold, sadly, gets somewhat overlooked. Not wanting the workers there to feel neglected, SHAC planned a national picket at the gates of Occold, which saw activists from across the length and breadth of the country joining forces to give the workers a well-deserved ear bashing.

Around 30 protestors assembled along the lane with megaphones, whistles and drums and spirits were remarkably high, despite the driving rain. The police seemed unsure how to deal with such an angry crowd and let us get on with our business without interruption.

The lab at Occold is much more open that its counterpart in Huntingdon - in fact, it's a sitting target. Activists stationed themselves all around the site, shouting at the workers as they went about their filthy business. The highlight of the day was at five o'clock when the workers left in a mass convoy with activists screaming and shouting into the car park, at the gates and along the lane as they drove away. They were obviously not used to being the focus of such attention - many wound their windows up, staring straight ahead and were clearly un-nerved. By the look of it, some of them will be wondering whether a career in animal abuse is really worth all the hassle.

As for us - it was an incredibly uplifting and positive day - and one that will be repeated soon.

Exposed

We received the following information from an ex-worker. He approached a stall and wanted to inform others of what it is really like in there. We encourage you all to do stalls in both the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk areas. Many ex-workers live nearby to HLS and will only think to approach us with information when they see the images in front of them. Please get out onto the streets to raise money, raise awareness and collect information.

During the 1980s, following some years overseas and involved in a war for four years, on coming home I took a job as a security guard at the animal research Centre at Woolley, ten miles or so from home.

I had seen rough things but was not prepared for this, and I lasted three days. The beagles never saw daylight. Their vocal cords had been cut. They lived in tiny cages in semi-darkness, on a bare concrete floor and nothing else. Most had scars. Some had eyes missing. Some came to lick my fingers through the bars, tails wagging. Others retreated as far away from me as they could get, shivering and messing themselves because I was looking at them, terrified that I was going to hurt them some more.

Monkeys and apes strapped into chairs (like barbers' chairs, I thought), with various attachments linked to various parts of them. Others in cages, little larger than the beagles, scarred, looking ill and old, afraid and huddling and clinging or moving very slowly, or just sitting and staring. Even very young ones looked old.

Two horses were in a stall. When somebody asked to be told when the horses collapsed, I walked out to my car without bothering to ask about pay and went home and never went back.

The staff were without emotion, pretty much like the caricatures we see of Nazis involved with human cruelties and experiments. If any had any feelings of pity, they never showed it, only cold or bland indifference.

JP Morgan

Over the last few months JP Morgan have been repeatedly targeted by Dorset activists in weekly demos. The demonstrations, called by Dorset Animal Action in support of the SHAC campaign, happen every Monday or Tuesday and are having an incredible effect on the morale of the company who hold 8 million shares in HLS.

In the beginning the campaigners were laughed at and ignored, but soon the security guards were seen frantically locking up the front doors with padlocks at the mere glimpse of a SHAC T-Shirt (and sometimes before they'd even arrived!). Some notable demo's included a run-in at one of the offices, when determined activists stormed into the foyer before the shocked security had time to react. The activists were sealed into the premises so they couldn't leave if they wanted to! A lot of noise was made, so that staff were left in no doubt as to the nature of the visit, and a banner was prominently displayed.

Despite bad weather, police harassment, malicious arrests and an assault by the window cleaner (!) Dorset activists continue to hammer JP Morgan into the ground.

There will be NO COMPROMISE!

Blocked in again

The first direct action of the year against HLS was yet another blockade at HLS' lab in Huntingdon. Each end of the road was blocked with two buses and a car. Activists connected themselves with handcuffs to metal piping which was welded to the bottom of the vehicles. One activist was locked-on to both a bus and a car - one arm in each. The workers were imprisoned inside the hellhole for approximately three hours. Some workers dumped their cars and arranged to be picked up down the road. One activist stated, "This action is to mark a step up in our campaign to close down Huntingdon Life Sciences in the year 2002. HLS are dead in the water - their finances are a mess, staff morale is at a low and their name has been blackened in the financial world. This year there will be no let up in the campaign to close HLS and they can expect more actions similar to today's".

DRAMA: Police outside HLS, near Alconbury, yesterday, after animal rights protesters chained themselves to vehicles, preventing staff from leaving the building. (PP010106) Picture: PAUL PIRAKS

Protestors manacled themselves to a van during an attempted blockade outside Huntingdon Life Sciences on Tuesday afternoon

Protesters chained to vehicles outside lab

ANIMAL rights protesters chained themselves to vehicles outside a Cambridgeshire laboratory in the latest move in their campaign against animal testing.

The three activists – two men and a woman – blocked the entrance to Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), near Alconbury, with the vehicles, just before yesterday.

One activist was locked on to both a van and a Ford Sierra car, while the others chained themselves to the underside of a second van.

Their action meant staff at the company were unable to leave the site for almost three hours, until police managed to move the vehicles.

Officers were drafted in from Peterborough, Huntingdon and [illegible] to deal with the protesters.

Excrement was then smeared over the seats and steering wheel of the bus, delaying the police from being able to move it.

Officers from Huntingdon, Peterborough and Cambridge were [illegible] to deal with the [illegible] HLS were closed.

Specialist police officers were brought in to free the protesters.

All three were arrested on suspicion of blocking a highway, and taken to Huntingdon police station.

Member of Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (Shac) Dawn Gifford told *The Evening Telegraph*: "This is a [illegible] from Hampshire [illegible] Liverpool [illegible] Currie, (31), from Bournemouth were all arrested on suspicion of obstructing the highway.

This was the latest in a series of protests staged at HLS in the [illegible] January 8.

Sciences that this is just the start for the year 2002.

"This will be the start of many actions against them."

Inspector Paul Doney, who was in charge of the operation, said: "We received a report before 4pm that some vehicles had blocked the road.

"We brought in specialist officers, who specialise in [illegible] to get rid of the [illegible]

The [illegible] to Huntingdon police station, where they were released on bail to return to Huntingdon Magistrates Court today.

Marsh Under Pressure

A roundup of action from across the UK

Ever since the campaign against them was launched you have sprung into action to give Marsh nothing but hell up and down the country. All week we have been inundated with action reports from groups and campaigners all over the place who have taken action against their local office. People are demonstrating again and again and those who cannot make it, or do not have a local office, are phoning and emailing Marsh as if there were no tomorrow! Marsh still refuse to comment on their connections with animal torture to campaigners or to the media, despite seeing the video of puppies being punched in the face and animals being cut open alive at HLS. Here is a roundup of various Marsh demos to have taken place in the FIRST WEEK of the campaign.

Monday 18th February
Four Marsh offices in **London** had 20 people outside with air horns, drums, whistles and megaphones making a load of noise and giving them their wake up call that the time to dump HLS is now.
Five campaigners breached security at Marsh HQ in London and had a noisy demo inside before being thrown out only to get back in through another set of doors!

Tuesday 19th February
15 smartly dressed protesters arrived at Marsh in **Leeds** demanding to speak to the management. Police arrived and threw them out so a demo took place outside. People left and returned later to discuss things in a less civilised manner. Marsh got the message.
14 people arrived at Marsh in **Norfolk** before splitting into two and gaining access to the building. Some people got upstairs in the lifts whilst others were thrown outside where they held a noisy demo with drums, megaphones and plenty of banners.
Five people sneaked inside the offices of Marsh at **Leicester** and let all of the employees know exactly what Marsh is collaborating with at HLS.

Wednesday 20th February
Five people had a demo at Marsh in **Redhill**, Surrey where passers by were informed all about what a filthy company they are.

Thursday 21st February
Ten people arrived at Marsh in **Woking** and held a noisy demo so that everyone inside the offices were left in no doubt as to the fact they were there and that they would be back again to demo the Insurance Company from Hell.

Friday 22nd February
Marsh in **Newcastle** had two highly visual demos, one as workers arrived and one as they left to inform them that the company they work for deals with animal abuse and

to invite them to speak with their head office about it.
In **Southampton** activists demo'd one office before moving off to the next. They ran inside causing all hell to break loose as the doors to the offices were forced open and people got up onto the next Marsh floor with the megaphone. The demo went on outside after they had been removed and then it was back to the other office where to doors were forced open for yet another noisy demo!
Ten people spent the day tripping round **London** and getting into three different Marsh buildings where they were left in no doubt as to the urgent need to improve security and sever their ties to HLS. The highlight of the day for campaigners was beating the cops to the third office and

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ACTION

Adopt your nearest Marsh office, or if it has already been adopted, team up with the people who are doing it and have double the impact! Contact us for more info. Write to, phone and email Marsh HQ at The Marsh Centre as often as you can and demand that they dump HLS.
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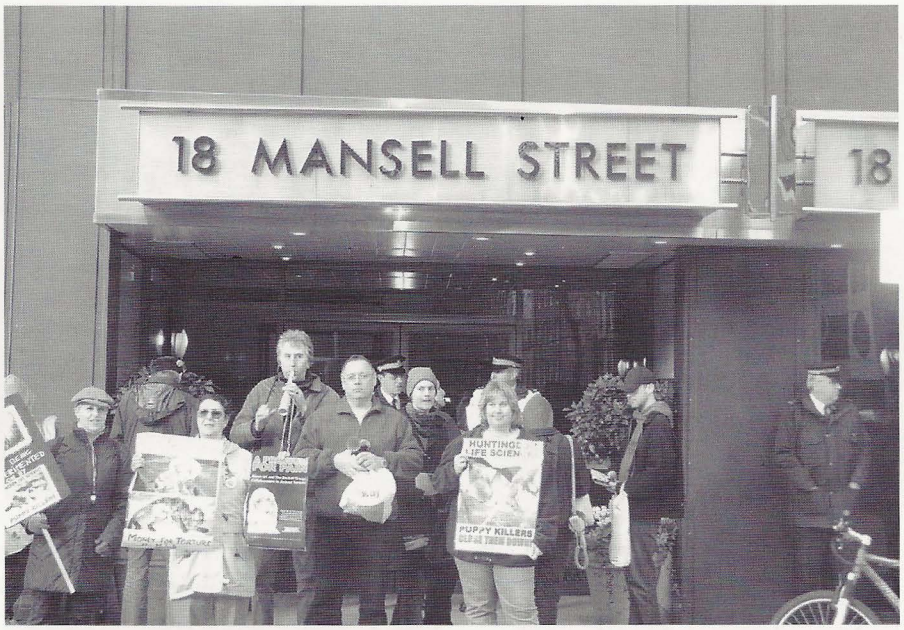
No1 The Marsh Centre
10 Whitechapel High Street
London
E1 8DX
Tel: 0207 357 1000
Fax: 0207 929 2705



laughing as they looked down out of the window to see police guarding the doors to the building that they were already inside of holding a demo!
11 people arrived at Marsh in **Birmingham** City Centre for a high profile demo that attracted the attention of hundreds of shoppers who were disgusted at Marsh for collaborating with HLS. The megaphone was put to good use all day and hundreds of leaflets were given out.

Monday 25th February
15 people in suits invaded Marsh in **Exeter** and allegedly made re-arrangements to the premises. It is reported that the door was pulled open as a worker left, paperwork went flying, computers and telephones un-plugged themselves and anything that could be moved was shoved right out of the way, much to the horror of the gob smacked employees. People made a speedy exit, leaving a warning that they would be back soon.

Wednesday 28th February
Despite only numbering two, Dorset activists were not to be deterred as they dashed passed bemused security at Marsh in **Southampton.** One of the activists was rugby tackled as he ran up the stairs, but continued going up despite having an insane security guard tangled round his legs. Another thug joined the fray, and using "reasonable force" (ie forcing the activist to the floor and throttling him until he agreed to leave the building), got the demonstrator to move outside. Meanwhile the other protestor had got into a lift and was merrilly on her way up to floor 3, where Marsh are based. Security stopped the lift and dragged her out.

The protest continued outside until the main doors to the building were forced shut - result!

Happy with that success, the deadly duo moved onto Marsh's other Southampton offices, where they once again dashed passed the front doors. Unfortunately they were faced with locked glass doors, and so tried the intercom to gain entry. A very rude message came back, asking the receptionist not to let the two protestors in.

Using their initiative, the activists locked the external doors behind them, and occupied the porch for over half an hour, ensuring no one could enter or leave the building. Eventually they decided to move out, and strutted out of the building, passed the baffled police officer, and went on their way!

This is just for starters Marsh, you can guarantee that by the time the animal rights movement has finished with you you'll be on your knees begging to be left alone. We've done it to countless companies and we'll do it to you as well – NOBODY gets away with involving themselves with HLS.

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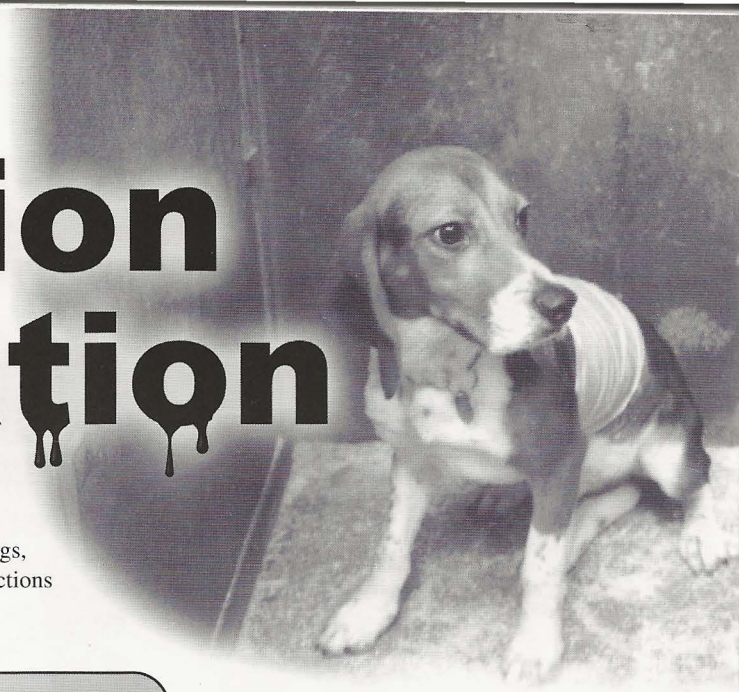
Operation Liquidation



Since the launch of 'Operation Liquidation' – a new phase in the campaign that brings together targeting insurance companies, suppliers and HLS employees themselves as a three-pronged attack to bankrupt HLS – the animal abusers at HLS have been placed under a hell of a lot more pressure. There has been an increase in home demos, the pickets at the lab continue to raise the roof of the place each day and the message is spreading fast that suppliers and insurance companies who touch HLS get hit again and again and again.
The momentum is building and we need to make sure that HLS spend themselves into so much debt that they go bust.

INSURERS
On day one of the campaign against HLS insurance companies The Beckett Group contacted us to say that they are not insuring Huntingdon Life Sciences and that they will never act for them.
After being informed by a whistle blower that they were providing insurance for HLS we contacted The Beckett Group by recorded delivery and asked for clarification on their relationship with Huntingdon.
Just so they were in no doubt as to the activities of HLS, we enclosed video footage of workers punching animals in the face at the labs as well as documentary evidence of the law breaking, fraud and incompetence at Huntingdon.
Beckett failed to reply despite signing for the letter, so the campaign was launched against them. After just a day of their phone lines ringing off the hook, they contacted us to clarify their position which is that they are not providing HLS with insurance and they will never do so in the future.
With Beckett out of the picture let's move 100% of our focus onto Marsh and sever their connections to the failing lab.
See p.6 & 7 for Marsh reports.

ADOPT A COLLABORATOR
There are HLS insurers, employees and suppliers all over the UK. Make sure that you adopt one local to you or one on your way home from the lab and campaign against them until they drop HLS. Once these companies gain first hand experience of the hassle that HLS brings, they will sever their connections left right and centre.

ACTION

Check out the website or contact us for your nearest collaborator. If you don't have one near you, adopt one in another area and back up the work of local campaigners by running phone and fax blockades and letter writing campaigns.

SUPPLIERS
We have mailed out to all of the suppliers we have listed asking them to sever their ties with HLS and commit to not supplying them in the future. Within a few days we received a reply from a printing company stating that they 'have severed any links with the company and will certainly not be a supplier of theirs in the future.'
If you are are nearby one of the labs and have some spare time give us a call and we should be able to give you either a supplier or a similar target.

ADVERTISING
We have asked any publications who advertise for jobs at HLS to ban any adverts from them. Please send us any adverts with the name of the publication that you see. Please also write to the newspapers to the right asking them to ban the adverts.

EMPLOYEES
HLS workers are dropping like flies, nobody wants to work in the hell hole - especially when they find out they have the animal rights movement outside their homes and work place as part of the parcel.
Employees are one of the most valuable things to HLS. It costs a fortune to advertise for them, recruit them, select them and then train them. This is not something they can afford to constantly do, especially if nobody will accept their job adverts.

ACTION

The magazines and newspapers below all allow HLS to advertise in their publication. Please write polite letters to them requesting that they do not recruit puppy killers for HLS. Address all letters to 'adverts'.

New Scientist
Reed Business Information
Rockwood House
Perrymount Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 3DH
email ns.subs@qss-uk.com

Martin Alder
British Veterinary Association
7 Mansfield Street
London
W1G 9NQ
0207 636 65 41

The Hunts Post
30 High Street
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
PE29 3TB

East Anglian Daily Times
Press House
30 Lower Brook Street
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP4 1AN
Editor: terry.hunt@ecng.co.uk

Peterborough Evening Telegraph
57 Priestgate
Peterborough
Cambridgeshire
PE1 1JW
newmedia@peterboroughnow.co.uk

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JOBS FROM HELL

Anyone who saw the TV programme 'Jobs from Hell' could not have failed to realise the effect that SHAC members are having on the HLS workers. Below are reports from different regions that attend HLS every day.

LONDON & THE EAST (Monday)
The London group has been going up to the gates of HLS for the last few months virtually every Monday. We've seen a few changes in that time. The vivisectors seemed to get more dispirited as the weeks went by. This changed one week and we later heard that they had been told to look happy when they left, presumably for our benefit. We wondered what they were supposed to be happy about. Maybe they were smiling about their company's catastrophic lack of success on the stock exchange. Or maybe it was their recent criminal conviction in the local magistrates court that brought a plastic smile to their sad faces… We have coined a new name for them - 'Jobseekers' - as they will soon all be looking for new jobs at the same time. We all hope to be there on the day that the gates finally close for good. Who is going to be stupid enough to face up to SHAC and invest money in this bunch of puppypunching-testfaking-noprofit-making losers! Their money and morale is running out fast. By contrast our morale has never been better and it is possible that they now realise that we are not about to give up! Not now, not ever!
While we are there they benefit from our sound advice (get another job!) as well as our unavoidable displeasure at seeing the killers' faces as they leave the gates. These are people who make a living on the backs of suffering creatures. They have become monsters and we treat them to the contempt that they deserve. We know that we are helping make history. Just like every person everywhere who helps this campaign. A series of little pushes that become an unstoppable shove.
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THE NORTH (Tuesday)
The daily pickets at the lab are a sure way of getting to the workers, letting them know the strength of the campaign against them, and allowing them to glimpse some of the anger people feel towards them. For the northwest region what we may lack in numbers - there are rarely more than half a dozen of us - we more than make up for in spirit. We have several megaphones going non-stop, placards, banners, drums and whistles - and everyone is fired with enthusiasm.

We find early morning pickets especially effective, because they unsettle the workers for the whole day. When the first of the protestors rolls up at 6.30am the security staff are thrown into a state of panic. Is it another lock-on? Is it a blockade? They can never be sure. The gates are locked and each car has to be carefully vetted before it is allowed through, so a massive tailback of incoming workers forms along the lane. You can get literally face to face with them - and they don't like it. Amongst them are the technicians who carry out the abuse of animals, and who falsify data that puts human lives at risk. These people are the lowest of the low.

We maintain a noisy presence throughout the day, but at the workers home time, any time after four, the demo reaches fever pitch. Some of the staff try to put on a brave face, waving, making gestures or trying to laugh, but this only comes across as a sad attempt at bravado by a group of people who will soon be signing on. They know as well as we do that we are winning, and it's only a matter of time before the gates of HLS close for good. But time isn't on our side, as 500 animals die every day in that hellhole, which is why every single day and every single picket is so vital.
Contact: 07932 547785 (Simon)

SOUTH WEST & WALES (Wednesday)
The effect we are having can be seen on a daily basis outside the gates of this hellhole, with messages of hate and rage being continuously belted out through megaphones and the never ending crashing of drums reverberating throughout the buildings. The workers are left in no doubt as to the degree of contempt in which they are held.
Three months ago at the restart of the daily demos at HLS, the workers attempted to put on a brave face for us, but now, after a very short time, the psychological, drip–drip effect can be seen clearly on their faces. Sure, some of them wear fixed 'wooden' smiles but then the mask slips, to reveal their abject misery and despair. These daily demos result to a high degree in the enormous turnover of workers (we never forget a face) which, in turn costs HLS even more money (which they haven't got) for retraining, advertising etc. It is also obvious that there is a reluctance by the people employed by security, to work at this place, apart from the 'hardcore' of two, people change by the week! They have now

Jobs from Hell

resorted to recruiting, retired people, yes, they admitted it. So that security is now resembling a shuffling bunch of coffin dodgers.

Even though we are deeply, deeply upset and angry in the knowledge of what is going on in this horrific place, we all feel such a powerful empathy amongst ourselves, a strength of resolve that is completely unshakeable. Anyone, politicians, police or vivisectors who may question this had better remember one thing - we always, always win.

By coming to these demos you will be playing your part in closing HLS down. So just come, stand proud, proud in the knowledge that you are part of a movement making history.

Contact: 0845 458 1762

MIDLANDS (Thursday)

The atmosphere amongst protestors is superb - on average we get 20 - 30 people turning up. The great thing is you think there is just a couple of you and then you see a van full of protestors coming up the lane - it's a brilliant feeling. The look on the normally so smug security guards' faces is a picture, as they scurry around in a blind panic, frantically using their radios and bumping into each other 'cos they can't handle the pressure. On the last few Thursday demos we have had a van turn up loaded with drums and of course protestors. These guys are brilliant and keep up the drumming all afternoon (must really get on the workers' nerves, along with the sirens and endless chanting). The people that are turning up to protest are from all over the country and from a wide variety of backgrounds. On our latest demo we had three generations from one family turn up. The weather was absolutely terrible but it didn't dampen our spirits one little bit. We are all on such a high and just can't wait to get out of our cars to give the workers the hell they deserve. The spirit amongst us is fantastic. We are all pulling together, sharing food, megaphones, coats, gloves etc. We are working totally as a team now and it is paying off. All of us cant wait to get up there again the next week when we hope to see even more protestors - It is an amazing experience to know that we are achieving what at one time seemed the impossible "HLS is swaying precariously with no foundations whatsoever - it will come crashing down any day now.

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SOUTH EAST (Friday)

Every Friday protestors from the South East converge upon the filthy hellhole that is HLS. The numbers vary, but the noise is always deafening, with workers being greeted in and out of work with a barrage of sound, as we politely (!) let them know what we think of them.

The effect that these weekly demos have is obvious. Over the months smiles have turned to shuns, and grins have turned to grimaces. They hate us being there, so lets increase the pressure! LET'S SMASH HLS!

Contact: 07812 845 156

European News

SHAC **Italy** have been busy in recent months. They have a website, newsletter and Italian SHAC merchandise with their own contact details on. They have had several demos against shareholders and customers which have received good press coverage. Here are some details they sent us of their plans/actions:

"We launched phone, fax and mail blockades on Marsh offices (12 in Italy) and a Marsh leaflet is going to be printed soon, ready for Marsh protests as soon as possible in various cities. One is planned next week. We are still pressurising Shell after their responses to letters, with anal excuses. We also received from them a mobile phone number of an executive, and it's

ringing! A Novartis plant has been subject to leafleting in front of it, in Naples, and soon will meet a big protest. People are writing and phoning to all Italian HLS customers. On the evening of 28th February we will have a meeting and SHAC video show, explaining the campaign in Milan. After a few hours of sleep we will protest at the Bayer main offices again (after the 29 October and almost 30 activists fined for road blockading that day). On 6th March we will have a similar meeting at the university here in Florence."

Contact: shac_italia@yahoo.com for more info.

Animal Rights Gathering

Several SHAC representatives travelled to **Holland** for the international animal rights gathering in February. They took plenty of merchandise with them to equip activists abroad for future SHAC related actions. On the first night many videos from different groups were shown at the cinema and both the SHAC long video and the video diary were shown. The next day the SHAC workshop was held. The hall was filled with around 100 people and the time for action video was shown at the beginning to give people an insight into what has happened in the campaign so far. The workshop explained why we think focusing on a particular business is effective and how we go about it, what we want from international activists and who the global targets are. Afterwards activists from The Covance Campaign in Germany and the BPRC (primate research centre) Campaign spoke about their actions so far. All the talks were aimed at inspiring other activists to start their own campaigns against specific breeders/labs. After the workshop several individuals approached the speakers who were either interested in specific aspects of the campaign or they were interested in coming to the UK to help with the campaign. The next day the SHAC representatives did an interview for the new BPRC campaign video. They talked about similar things in the workshop and explained that anyone, anywhere can set up a similar campaign and be just as effective.

www.shac.net - new and updated!

NEWS FROM SHAC USA

EDITORIAL

SHAC-USA has just turned a major corner in our collective campaign to close HLS. Having Stephens Inc - HLS's biggest financier and most vocal backer - crumble before us, like the cowards they are, gave the US campaign unprecedented media attention, a boost in activist morale and positive proof that we are so very close to victory. Pressurising Stephens Inc to divest was a milestone in the US campaign – analogous to how all of your efforts crushed the Natwest and the Royal Bank of Scotland.

With several MAJOR victories under our belt, credibility as a fierce and relentless force, and a rejuvenated animal rights movement - we all stateside are digging our heels in for what promises to be a spectacular victory for the animals. No matter how long it takes – or WHATEVER it takes – we are here until the finish.

STEPHENS INC SUCCUMBS

SHAC Demands and Gets Proof!

"It appears to me that the threshold for pain in the UK was pretty darn low." Warren Stephens, Stephens Inc, Financial Times, 14/10/01.

How do those words taste now Warren? You coward! The bigger they are they quicker and harder they fall.

On January 8th, Stephens Inc. HLS's largest investor and primary financier announced it was selling off all its shares and the entire debt facility it held for HLS.

Stephens announcement came only days after SHAC-USA received communiqués reporting that Warren Stephens NYC home had all its windows smashed, and that

anonymous tricksters had racked up $100,000 on his stolen credit card.

Despite the announcement, on January 13th and 14th activists from across the US still descended upon Arkansas where the Stephens HQ is - for our second National Demonstration.

The message of the demonstrations and speaking events were PROVE IT! On the day of the big demonstration at Stephens HQ – one protestor showed up inside the militarized zone where scores of riot cops stood, helicopters overhead, and media everywhere awaited. The lone protestor carried a sign simply saying "YOU LOST!" Meanwhile the rest of the demonstrators moved off to another Stephens's office an hour away and proceeded to tear the unprotected facility apart.

Proof has since been obtained. On the advice of the SHAC-USA solicitor, we cannot legally divulge the information - but can tell you that we are completely satisfied that Stephens has no affiliation with HLS any longer. Like the saying goes – We Always Win!

SMASHING HLS COAST TO COAST

City after city, activists are taking on and knocking out shareholders, investors, market makers, and the laboratory itself. With this brick by brick strategy, it's only a matter of time before HLS closes its doors forever!

From February 1st to 4th, Texas activists turned up the heat on HLS collabo-

rators. During the three day event activists disrupted Morgan Stanley Dean Witter's business meetings, visited executives at their homes, rushed a Bank of America building, and celebrated the campaign victory in front of Stephens offices.

In Portland, activists took the "Prove It" message to the Bank of America (Stephens business affiliate.) Protestors held a "Bikes for Animal Liberation" protest where hundreds of anti-Bank of America leaflets were distributed and signs strapped to bicyclists backs spread the word to the busy streets of Portland.

David Spina of State Street got a clear message this Valentines Day from activists in the San Francisco area, as he was flooded with anti-HLS Valentines. Other State Street execs got special home deliveries as activists showed up on their doorsteps.

Chicago, Long Island, Boston, New Jersey, NYC, and many other cities also kept the pressure on over the winter months. No rest for HLS!

BIGGEST HOME DEMONSTRATION TO DATE

On February 2nd and 3rd anti-globalization activists from across the word came to NYC to protest the World Economic Forum. The

march that got the most media attention and the most bang for its buck was the SHAC sponsored March for Earth and Animal Liberation.

Over 400 people marched through the posh upper Eastside Manhattan neighborhoods to do demonstrations against Parker Quillen and his brother Whitney of Quilcap Corp. – HLS's second biggest investor. With cameras, police, and protestors everywhere – the windows to Parker's apartment building were smashed in and red paint was thrown everywhere. Little doubt was left with Parker himself and anyone watching the news coverage that our campaign is merciless and fearless. Invest in HLS and we will bring the riot to your personal doorstep. A week later activists returned in a group of 20 to make sure that Quillen knew we were just getting started with him and he had better prepare for the worst. A few days later Quilcap sold it's entire stake in the lab.

BLUEPRINT FOR BANKRUPTCY

In our post Stephens campaign we have laid out all new targets for our supporters across the country. Like the UK campaign we will be hammering the insurers, the lab suppliers, the lab itself, remaining stockbrokers, and any market maker that should rear its ugly head to assist HLS.

With LSR a complete flop so far – American activists are demonstrating we will put a fierce fight to keep HLS from becoming an US company. Stay tuned for breaking news about the innovative ways we are coming up with to SMASH HLS!

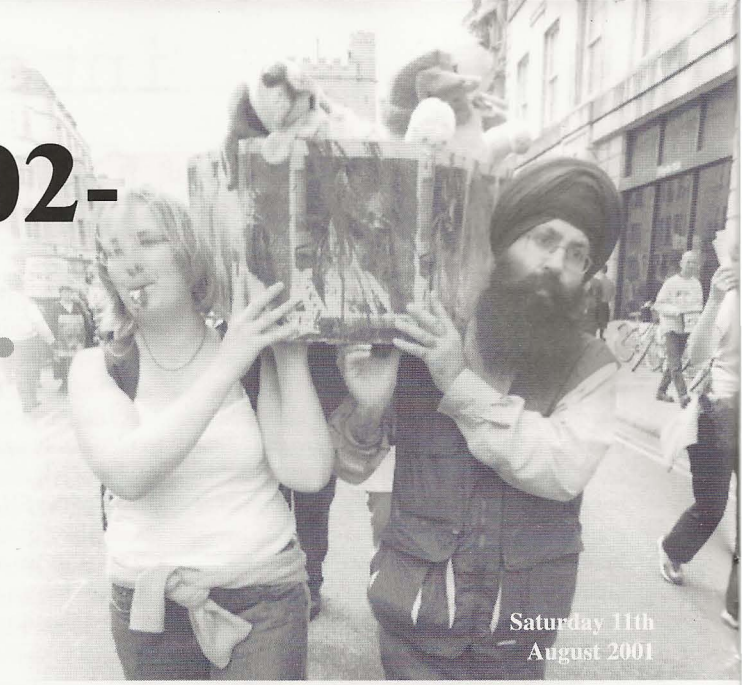
KEEP UP TO DATE ON SHAC-USA

Across the USA everyone is talking about the SHAC-USA website. It is one of the most exciting and useful tools that animal rights has to offer. Come visit us at www.shacusa.net

www.shac.net - new and updated!

World Day 2002-

It's up to you...


Saturday 11th August 2001

As the build up to World Day for Laboratory Animals begins let's take a look back at the national demos to have taken place so far in the campaign against HLS and let's look forward to increasing the momentum on the next one. We all have a part to play in the national demonstrations and they are an important part of the campaign to stop HLS. Let's make this one the biggest ever and show HLS that we will not go away, we will only get more and more determined until they are gone.

1) Saturday 11th December 1999
Hundreds of people swarmed into Huntingdon Town Centre and brought it to a standstill. They marched around the town giving the people of Huntingdon their wake up call that SHAC had landed and would be going nowhere fast until HLS closed. Later on in the evening a hundred people paid a visit to Helen Clarke who works in the beagle unit.

2) Saturday 12th February 2000
Yet another change of venue saw 1200 protestors swamp Cambridge with a deafening march against HLS. Following the demo we had an influx in calls from local people wanting to get involved and help shut HLS down. It was reported that after the demo, HLS workers Paul and Amanda Brooker had their windows smashed and extensive damage was caused at Laundry Farm who breed animals for vivisection at Cambridge University.

3) World Day For Laboratory Animals: Saturday 22nd April 2000
1500 people, most dressed in black clothes wearing skull masks, arrived at the gates of HLS for one of the most up-beat demos the hellhole has ever seen. Outraged at the fact 500 animals were dying inside the death camp that day hundreds of activists stormed the lab, cutting the fence open and invading the site. Police managed to get most of the activists out but they weren't quick enough to stop people getting on the roof and they were far too slow to stop hundreds of activists rampaging onto the A1 and blocking it off for several hours.

Demonstrators cut a hole in the perimeter fence.
Saturday 22nd April 2000

4) Saturday 17th June 2000
A thousand people gathered at Interfauna who breed beagles for HLS. The site was quickly surrounded and many protestors got to work trying to get inside to free the animals locked up in the death camp. HLS undercover investigator Michelle Rokke spoke of her experiences working inside their dreaded labs in America and to urge people to do everything possible to put an end to HLS and their abuse.

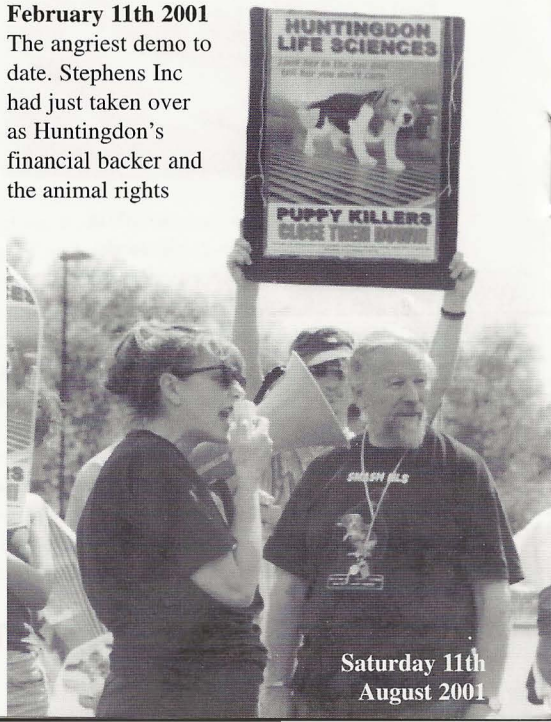
5) Saturday 31st July 2000
The theme of the day was HLS's disgraceful research involving Genetically Modified Organisms. Hundreds of activists arrived in Cambridge dressed in white boiler suits and skull masks to highlight the fact that despite their PR blurb HLS are actively involved in destroying the planet. The noisy march rampaged around the town centre, the police lost it as usual and an excellent day was had by all. People later invaded the dreaded Babraham Institute and inspected the premises where animals are used in a whole range of disgusting experiments.

6) Saturday 16th September 2000
Hundreds of protestors arrived at the premises of Aventis at Hauxton. Police were slow to catch up so everyone managed to get into the site and have a good rampage around before moving off to the premises of Novartis. Here the gates were broken down and in people went - up on the roof and around the site before police finally caught up to throw people out. More workers were visited and demonstrations took place at nearby Imutran.

7) Saturday November 4th 2000
It was back to HLS for another massive demonstration that saw people in the fields trying to get inside the hellhole and activists visiting the homes of people in charge of various HLS customers. Three directors of AdProTech were shown exactly what happens to those who abuse animals at HLS and in the following days the company pulled out of HLS and contacted SHAC to say they would not fund tests there in future.

7) Cambridge in December (CID): Saturday 10th December 2000
This day of action saw activists give the cops the slip before moving into another county (Hertfordshire) and visiting customers and their directors. Windows were smashed, slogans were sprayed and rooftops were occupied as a strong message was sent out about the movements' tolerance levels towards anyone that touches Huntingdon – ZERO TOLERANCE!

8) Saturday February 11th 2001
The angriest demo to date. Stephens Inc had just taken over as Huntingdon's financial backer and the animal rights



Saturday 11th August 2001

movement was determined to show HLS that come hell or high water we will stamp them into the ground. Thousands of protestors met up in a village hall car park just off the motorway before splitting into groups and kicking ass across the country. Bayer had every window in their building put through as activists smashed their way inside to ransack the offices wrecking everything they could find. Hundreds arrived at Glaxo in Weybridge and brushed police aside before breaking the gates down and causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. The fence was cut and Eli Lilly at Earlwood Manor was invaded as bricks were slammed through the windows and sack loads of important documents were taken away from the premises. Eli Lilly at Basingstoke had the gates broken down and people got into the offices and practiced the ancient art of animal rights feng-shui on anything they could get their hands on. 81 people were arrested, the vast majority never got charged and many more had their cases dropped.

Saturday 11th December 1999

9) World Day For Laboratory Animals: Saturday April 21st 2001
Thousands of people arrived at different meeting points across south England for a mobile day of action against HLS collaborators. Demonstrations happened against abusers across the south as High Streets were brought to a stand still and ring roads were blocked.
Several hundred activists re-directed themselves to the premises of a number of HLS customers where rocks were thrown through windows, fences were pulled down and offices were ransacked. Home visits took place and customer directors soon found their flashy company cars in pieces.

10) Saturday 23rd June 2001
A thousand protestors gathered in Cambridge for a march and rally against HLS. People spoke of the need to smash the abusers and of the way in which the animal rights movement always carries on with more determination than ever no matter what happens. The march was deafening and thousands of stickers were plastered all over the city centre meaning HLS gained the exposure they deserve even weeks after the demo. Activists went on to HLS collaborator BASF at Bury St Edmunds and plastered stickers all over, sprayed slogans and threw rocks at windows.

11) Saturday 11th August 2001
This time Oxford was the venue and the march began in the City Centre before ending up at the premises of HLS customer Yamanouchi. The police tried to interfere but they were pushed out of the way as the march went on to Yamanouchi to show them just how many people there are who will not rest until HLS is gone. Yamanouchi have since announced that they plan to close the lab and move their research abroad!

12) Saturday 6th October 2001
A march was scheduled to take place against HLS customer Glaxo SmithKline but we heard that morning that the police had other plans – luckily so did we! Everyone moved to St Ives, Cambridgeshire, home of Brian Cass, Frank Bonner and the Brookers for a noisy march followed by home visits to these scum. Meanwhile activists had taken to the roof of William Anthony Berry of DuPont in protest at his company's connections to animal torture at HLS. He was in and he was not happy, especially when everyone from the demo in St Ives arrived to have a go at him!

13) Saturday 8th December 2001
Hundreds of people gathered outside the Bank of America in Bromley to kick start the campaign against this animal abusing bank with a march through the town followed by home visits whilst people in other parts of the UK were giving hell to their local HLS targets.

14) Saturday 16th February 2002
Over 700 protestors met up in Huntingdon to show the abusers that we are back in their face and back at their homes as from now on. A march around the ring road ensured traffic ground to a halt and the High Street was flooded with demonstrators. Fingers up to the local justice system as campaigners climbed on to the roof of the Magistrates Court and dropped a banner reading 'No Justice - Just Us. Smash HLS' whilst hundreds gathered to hear the speakers. People then burst free of the police and paid a visit to two workers. 200 people then called in on the lab as others scattered to visit the workers at their homes.

15) WORLD DAY FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS Saturday 27th April 2002
It's up to YOU - LETS FINISH HLS!

Saturday February 11th 2001

THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY...

Here we take a look at a number of liberations that have taken place since the beginning of the campaign and pay tribute to the determination of ordinary campaigners like you and I who are prepared to take things a step further to save lives instantly and keep the pressure on the abusers.

71 Beagles – November 1999
Interfauna, Abbots Ripton Road, Wyton, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE17 2DT. 01480 455 355

Activists cleared out the puppy unit of HLS' beagle supplier – here's how they did it:

"Word came over the radio that the security guard had left his cabin, this would be the third time tonight and around the hundredth time we had seen him do it over the last 6 months. But this would be the last time we would have to watch his boring routine: check the doors, check the padlocks, check the gates every two hours, even in the freezing cold: the pouring rain – talk about sad! All the nights sat freezing in a hedge were about to pay off. As his torch light came down between the buildings, twenty pairs of eyes watched his every move. He checked the puppy unit doors, then the gates, then disappeared back into his lodge. He did this every two hours. Little did he know that what would happen over the next 90 minutes would hopefully cost the nonce his job.

We gave him 5 minutes to settle back into watching his television and playing with himself – two things which he did on a regular basis – then set to work. Interfauna is surrounded by a 10 foot high fence with coils of razor wire on top and alarms running through it. It would have been ideal just to cut a hole in it and climb through but this was too risky because of the alarms. There was only one other option and that was to get over the top of it. We had made a frame that would fit over the top of the razor wire and to everyone's surprise – it worked.

We got over the fence and made our way to the puppy unit. We were taking puppies because they were small, light and easy to re-home and also because the puppy unit was the least secure and furthest away from the security lodge. It is a single story brick building with a couple of metal doors. The doors would certainly be alarmed so the way in was going to be through the roof, giving us the chance to drop straight into the runs thereby avoiding corridor sensors.

A few of us got onto the roof and straight away we could hear the pups yapping away. It gave us a big kick. As soon as we heard them there was no way we would be leaving empty handed. We soon came upon our first little problem. The drill we had, had a special attachment that was designed for cutting roofs like this (corrugated asbestos – we had planned to cut around the screws holding it in place, then we would simply lift a panel off), but like most fancy little bits of kit – it didn't work – a slight set back eh! Time for the trusty old crow bar. We used it to make a little hole and then we ripped big bits of the roof of with our bare hands. Like I said – there was no way we were leaving empty handed. After about 10 minutes we had a lovely little hole made, just big enough for us to get through.

I looked through the hole and saw two of the most beautiful big eyes looking back up at me, probably wondering why some nutter in a balaclava and a grin was shining a torch at her. As I jumped down into her pen she went crazy, jumping up at me and squealing with excitement. I lifted her up to give her a kiss and got a face full of urine for my trouble. It wasn't through fear but through excitement – and it was brilliant. There was no time for fussing her, that would come later. She went straight into the sack my partner was holding and was lifted up through the roof into the safe hands of another friend. She went along the chain of people, over the fence and into the field. More people had jumped down by now and got cracking. There were four pens with roughly 15 pups in each pen aged 4-6 months old and one pen with older dogs in it – about 18 months old. Whereas the puppies had all been jumping up yapping and pissing themselves through excitement, these older dogs were cowering in the corners, pissing themselves through fear.

It was gutting, absolutely heart-breaking to see an animal so scared. They were terrified of human beings. We tried to catch them but they were really panicking and darting around the pen, really hard to catch. It took nearly as long to catch and bag them as it did to catch all the pups. It was a big relief when we got them all bagged up and passed out. Within an hour we had bagged up and passed out down the chain 71 beagles, and what was once a packed noisy puppy unit was now eerily silent – and best of all empty. There was nothing in there to damage or steal so off we went.

The people who had stayed outside had done a great job getting all the dogs over the fence and into the field, but now was the hardest part of all – a 10 minute run ferrying the dogs to the vehicles. We hoisted a sack over each shoulder and legged it. After two minutes everyone was knackered but just running on adrenalin. All the time running back and forth across the fields I kept expecting to hear an alarm going off, or the guard to come out or the police to turn up, but luck was on our side and nothing happened. When we got them all to the vehicles the dogs were split up as much as possible and we went on our merry way.

As far as I was concerned that was the easy part over with. The most nerve wracking part for me was the drive to where we were going – the constant fear of getting pulled by police (and a lot of police cars drove past us), but we looked smart – no rolled up hats or anything like that so we looked normal and blended in with the other road users.

As soon as we got down the road a little way, my partner untied all the sacks and got the pups out and for the first time we were able to have a proper look at them. I can't describe the feeling of seeing them, in our vehicle, miles away from that shit-hole. It was the best feeling ever. They were in a big pile, just playing with each other, it was unbelievable. They had been taken from their mothers, kept in a barren concrete kennel for months, then one night they'd been grabbed, stuffed into sacks, jostled and dragged along a field and thrown into the back of a vehicle. After 20 minutes of playing they all curled up into little balls and fell asleep all cuddling up next to each other.

We carried on driving and as the adrenalin was starting to die down we noticed the horrible smell. We were both covered in puppy shit, it was everywhere. I had worn a boiler suit over my clothes inside the place, but somehow it had gotten through and I was caked in the stuff. With a massive sigh of relief we finally got to where we were going and unloaded our dogs. We gave them a well deserved drink and spent the next 3 or 4 hours playing with them, they loved it and went berserk, each one a different character to the next. Some just played with each other, others ran around shredding things up, it was fantastic. We had some of the older dogs with us and they were completely different, really nervous, so we left them to come to us in their own time. Some did, some didn't. Some are still fucked up to this day but with all the gentle love and affection they are coming round a little more each day.

Everyone got home safely and no dogs have been re-captured. They spent a week chilling out and were then seen by a sympa-

thetic vet.

One thing to learn from this raid is that you shouldn't listen to other people, go with your own instincts, nothing is impossible. Take advice but remember – there is always a way. And there's always risks, some are big, some are small. In my experience, the bigger the risk or the more difficult the thing seems to be, the easier it turns out to be. But the risk of you fucking up or getting caught is a lot less than the risk of an animal dying if you don't try at all. With Interfauna, people were saying 'no chance, it's too hard, too secure… what about the guards… what about the cameras… what about the alarms and the fence… the dogs will bark and alert the guards, it'll take too long… you'll never do it' Yeah, right! Where there's a will there's a way. All you need is a flexible plan, good people, determination and most of all luck. We had a lot of luck that night. We had a contingency plan for every problem that might arise. If the alarms went off we'd have 5 minutes, you can do a lot in 5 minutes as long as you stay clam – we'd all grab as much as we could and then leg it. If the guard came out he'd be told to fuck off and mind his own business and if he didn't take any notice then he'd get the 'good news'. In the end though everything went well and 71 adorable dogs got away with their freedom.

HLS is Interfauna's biggest customer and there is a big national campaign against it. Go to the HLS demos and go to Interfauna – it's five minutes down the road from HLS. Show them YOU care."

This article is taken from the ALF SG newsletter, BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX

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400 Rats – 7th January 2000
A. Tuck & Son, Beeches Road, Battlesbridge, Essex 01702 230280

Activists smashed their way into one of the units at Tuck and Son who breed rats for vivisection at HLS and many other laboratories. Wood, glass, wire mesh, plastic and concrete were crow-barred and drilled so that rescuers could gain access to remove these animals from a life time of filthy conditions and horrendous abuse.

64 Guinea Pigs – 26th March 2000.
Firgrove Farm, Heathfield, East Sussex, TN21 0QL. Tel: 01435 863 035

Campaigners broke into the stinking sheds of Firgrove farm in broad daylight and removed 63 guinea pigs from the harm of the vivisectors' scalpel before placing them in permanent homes.

" On 26th March a daring daylight raid took place at Harlan UK (Firgrove Farm, Heathfield, East Sussex. Tel: 01435 863 935, Fax: 01435 865 944), breeders of guinea pigs and rabbits for the vivisection industry. Sixty four guinea pigs were liberated from disgusting conditions. Many of the guinea pigs in the breeding sheds were suffering with severe hair loss due to mite infestation. Many were also seriously deformed. All of the breeding records were taken. These indicated that one of their biggest customers is HLS. The guinea pigs are now in loving homes." – Anonymous communiqué.

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14 Beagles – 2nd April 2001
Huntingdon Life Sciences, 2360 Mettlers Road, East Millstone, NJ 08895, USA

Activists broke in to HLS' American lab in the dead of night by cutting through the fence. Access to the animal house was gained via a ventilation shaft and then through the ceiling. 14 beautiful beagles were liberated from the abuse and destruction of HLS employees.

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30 Beagles and 10 Ferrets – 5th December 2001
Marshall Farms, 5800 Lake Bluff Rd, North Rose, NY 14516, USA

Activists in the USA raided Marshall farms who supply animals to be abused at HLS.

"On the evening of December 5th, we visited Marshall Farms in upstate NY, liberating 30 beagle puppies and 10 ferrets.

After outsmarting constant security patrols, we scaled the electrified fence, breaking through the door of one of the approximately 50 sheds of animals. Inside, we found hundreds of beagle puppies waiting to be shipped to vivisection labs, transferred from one small cage to another, destined to be killed.

Before the next security patrol, we packed up 30 puppies and 10 ferrets and stole away into the night with them, taking them away from their hellish life, and giving them a life filled with freedom and joy.

As a breeder for Huntingdon Life Sciences, Marshall Farms would have ensured that these animals had a tortured, painful life suffering in labs. Beagles are routinely poisoned to death and abused at the hands of callous workers at HLS. Workers have been caught punching beagle puppies in the face, shaking them and throwing them against walls, and dissecting living animals for "research data" that even technicians admit is faulty. These 40 animals will never have to endure such brutal conditions.

This action is dedicated to Barry Horne, whose life's work brought attention to the suffering of animals in laboratories everywhere, and whose actions inspired people who care about animals to act on their behalf, even if it means risking your freedom for theirs.

Let this action serve as a warning to all who aid Huntingdon Life Sciences in killing 500 innocent victims every day that you cannot hide from justice. ALF."

– Anonymous communiqué.

There really are some brave and courageous people out there working all kinds of hours to bring hope to some of the millions of animals being bred for this vile trade. It must be amazing when you're trapped in a filthy hovel to be suddenly removed and taken to a life of freedom. The animals above are the lucky ones, the ones that got away but sadly for every animal liberated there are millions more choking to death at the hands of HLS and their suppliers across the world. All of these animals are being abused against their will; they too deserve to be living out their lives away from the nightmare that is vivisection. Let's stay positive about what we can achieve for the silent ones and make sure we do all in our power to stamp out HLS and every other animal abusing hellhole. From the very young to the very old people are doing it; our fighting spirit will never fade. Compassion will prevail. LETS DO IT!

FLASH BACK TO 2001:
The financial destruction of HLS

We have all achieved a great deal in the campaign to close HLS and along the way we have knocked down and overpowered some of the strongest financial institutions in the world. HLS have lost bankers, shareholders, market makers, stockbrokers and any credibility they may once have had. The business world sees them as nothing more than an embarrassment.

Looking down the list below I can recall standing outside Charles Schwab with Security Guards laughing at us telling us that they would never give in, I can remember Merrill Lynch slamming the phone down and refusing to talk to us and I can remember the snide comments from the police on City Demos about how the financial world "will not succumb to the whims of the animal rights movement"!

All our efforts have seen HLS to the brink of collapse, we have them where we want them now and it's time to take a look back at the amazing things we have all achieved so far and then look forward to what we need to do to finish the job and destroy HLS for good.

14/01/01 RBS cancelled HLS's overdraft leaving them facing massive financial problems.

History in the making:

03/01/01	HLS Director Joseph Dowling QUITS working for the company.
14/01/01	Royal Bank of Scotland CANCELS HLS's overdraft leaving them facing massive financial problems.
15/01/01	HLS customer Servier PULL OUT and vow not to use them again.
17/01/01	Citibank DUMP 10 million HLS shares.
31/01/01	Pershing DUMP their HLS shares.
04/02/01	Merryll Lynch DUMP 8 million HLS shares.
01/03/01	Shares Magazine announces to its readers that HLS are 'BEST AVOIDED'.
28/03/01	Winterflood and Kleinwort Dresdner Wasserstein QUIT HLS leaving them with no market makers to set the share price, resulting in HLS's shares dropping to 2.5p in just a few hours.
30/03/01	HLS customer British Biotech PULL OUT.
02/04/01	14 beagles LIBERATED from HLS in the USA.
10/04/01	Charles Schwab DUMP 5 million HLS shares and refuse to deal with them any more.
16/04/01	TD Waterhouse REFUSE to deal in HLS shares.
25/04/01	DLJ Direct STOP dealing in HLS shares.
03/05/01	Allied Irish Bank PULL OUT of a consortium of banks lending HLS money.
08/06/01	Amid this financial crisis HLS POSTPONE their AGM.
02/07/01	HLS is in such a FINANCIAL MESS that the Bank of England steps in to give them an account.
08/08/01	Customer Tate and Lyle DUMP HLS after campaigners threaten to target their business.
28/08/01	On this day and beyond a further 20 COMPANIES vow NEVER to use HLS to test their products.
09/10/01	HLS can take the UK no more: they announce that they are RUNNING SCARED to the USA where they claim that there is a less hostile attitude towards investing in their work. Their move fails three times before it goes through because they cannot get enough shareholder support and they can't find a company willing to fill in the paperwork!!
17/10/01	SHAC USA force HLS's final market maker to DROP them showing HLS that the US is no safe haven for animal abusers.
09/11/01	HLS are dragged through the courts by activists and eventually plead GUILTY to breaking company law.
07/12/01	HLS animal breeder RAIDED. 30 beagles and 10 ferrets saved.
28/12/01	SHAC USA end the year on a high note as they force Paragon Capital to DUMP HLS.

Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs

THE HALLS MUST FALL!

SNGP Weekly Demos
Activists attend the farm every week in a continuing gesture of contempt against the Halls and their minions. Wednesday morning is a great time to witness the sheer arrogance of the Halls; they play tennis with their dwindling friends on the private tennis courts funded by the dying guinea pigs imprisoned just feet away. Activists also visit the farm regularly on Thursdays with megaphones, whistles and banners. The Sunday demos also continue in their unique and challenging way. Activists have repeatedly been scattering themselves around Ivy Bank and Darley Oaks, in an act of defiance towards the draconian section 42 legislation.
With YOUR support we will continue to remind the Halls that the animal rights movement will not rest until they're animal abusing days are over. It is our DUTY to drop in on the Halls as mush as we can during the week and weekends. It scuppers their transport plans and constantly reminds them that compassion never rests until the job is done

Home Visits: a crucial element of the AR movement
Evening home visits are an integral part of any campaign and the perfect end to a day at the farm. They are not illegal under section 42: it is just advisable that you leave the vicinity (and proceed to the next target!) if you are personally 'invited' to by the police. At the moment there are a hardy bunch of SNGP activists who have taken on the responsibility of creating as much nightly mayhem up and around Newchurch as is physically possible. Sadly, they are just a few and they have other commitments, SHAC demonstrations and children for example! Yet this is the spirit that is being practised by the few that we ALL need to gather up!

We need YOUR support and assurance as a group or as an individual to establish a regular monthly or bi-monthly regime that is efficient and effective. If your group is local to Newchurch then why not a weekly visit? This really is the only way to close down these brutal hellholes and stop the suffering in its tracks. Once your driver gets the hang of the geography, it is never too difficult to get familiar with all the appropriate abusers. On your way to or from a SHAC demo, please make a promise to the guinea pigs to get to the farm or to the workers and MAKE SOME NOISE! Even better, pledge a regular slot - Monday mornings or Saturday afternoons perhaps. Then we can all let the Halls know that we are an organised force to be reckoned with.
Contact us: 01902 564734 info@guineapigs.org.uk

The Workers are Missing You!

Christopher and Margaret Hall, Darley Oaks Farm, Newchurch, Staffs.Tel; 01283 575 321.
May Hudson, Mossbank, Tatenhill, Rangemoor, Staffs. DE13 9RF.
Simon Turner, 65 Park Rd, Barton-u-Needwood, Staffs. DE13 8DB
Chris Moore, Lilac Cottage, Brackenhurst Rd, Newchurch, Nr. Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, DE13 8RQ
Carol Heathcote, Elton Covert Farm, Elton Lane, Newborough, Staffs. DE13 8SG
Steven Adams, 6 Pipe Hay Lane, Draycot-in -the -Clay, Staffs. DE6 5BY
John Wright, 31 Greenway, Trent Gardens, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent. De15 OAR.

See: www.streetmap.co.uk

"What's important now is to mobilise hysteria. It's an inherently revolutionary power that intervenes, breaks up continuities, creates horror and refuses conformity with what is." Avital Ronnel.

Action Dates:

MARCH
Saturday 30th: Easter Day of Action at Darley Oaks Farm, 12Noon.
APRIL
World Month For Laboratory Animals
7th - 14th: Week of Action.
Saturday 13th: National Demonstration.
More details to follow. Please contact SNGP campaign with your details a week before.

Other useful addresses:

Surrey Anti-Hunt Campaign
BM Box 7099
London WC1 3NN
Tel; 07903 413894
email: info@sahc.org.uk
web: www.sahc.org.uk

Vegan Prisoner Support Group
PO Box 194
Enfield
Middlesex
EN1 3HD
Tel: 0208 292 8325.
email: hvpc@vpsg.freeserve.co.uk

Vegan Society
Donald Watson House
7 Battle Road
St Leonard's-on-Sea
East Sussex
TN37 7AA
Tel: 01424 427 393

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty
Standing Order Form

☐ I would like to donate a regular sum by standing order to the "Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty" campaign.

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Please pay the sum of £ ..... on the ..... day of every month as from ...../...../..... to the credit of "Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty".

Signed ..... Date .....

Please do not write below this line

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More donations please!

SHAC is run by volunteers who give up their lives in order to completely focus on closing down HLS. Without your help we couldn't continue the campaign against the hellhole. Your support has brought about countless victories so far such as the Natwest campaign and the shareprice down. Your money pays for stationery, postage costs, equipment, petrol costs, stunts such as banner drops and much more. At times it is a struggle and we may have to cancel plans due to lack of funds. All we ask is that you commit to donating a certain amount to us each month whether it is £1 or £100. I know many of you out there feel helpless because you are unable to actively take part in the fight against HLS, but it would help us so much if you donate money for every demo that you cannot attend. Remember, there are so many ways that you can raise money: street stalls, car boot sales, benefit CDs/gigs, sponsored walks. Use your imagination!
We look forward to hearing from you…

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All merchandise is free unless stated otherwise but if you can make a donation towards the costs we would be extremely grateful. Thanks

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Video - 'Time for action'	

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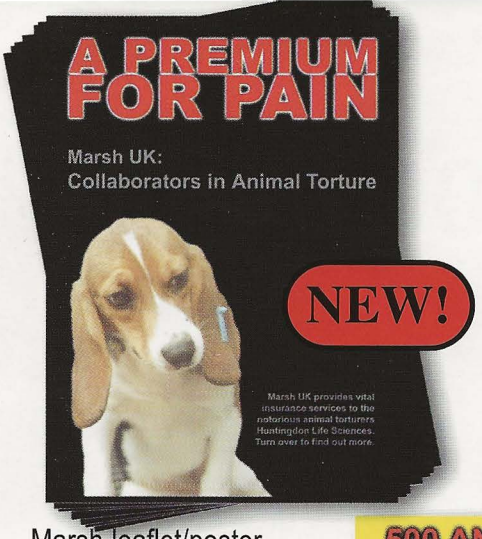

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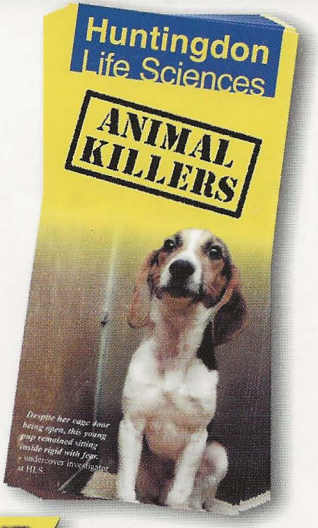

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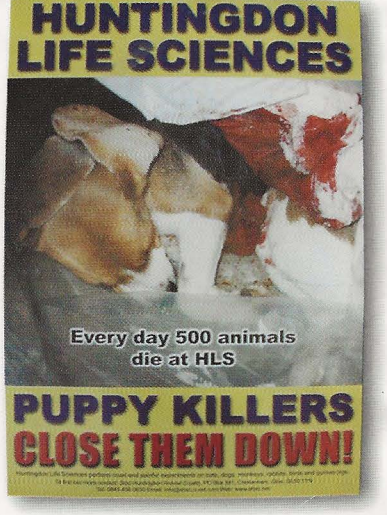

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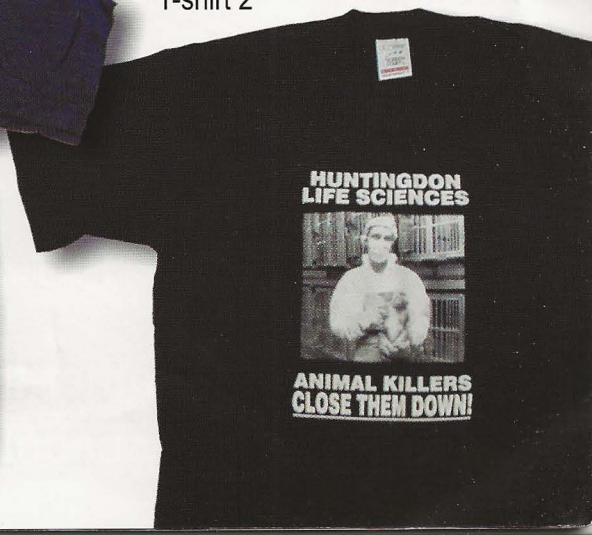

WORLD DAY FOR LAB ANIMALS

27th April 2002

Meet 12 noon at:
The Park, Park Road (A1066), Diss, Norfolk

Events include a march and rally followed by a visit to the lab and actions across the county.

Coaches and other transport available from all over the UK - bring as many people as you can and book your place now!